REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LABOUR AND WELFARE

SHRI SUSHIL BARPNGPA (Himachal Pradesh): I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Second Report of the Standing Committee on Labour and Welfare on the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis Bill, 1993.

ALLOCATION OF TIME FOR DISPOSAL OF GOVERNMENT AND OTHER BUSINESS

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on Thursday, the 5th August, 1993, allotted time for Government Legislative Business as follows:—

Business	*Time Allotted*
1. Consideration and passing of the Cable Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993.	3 Hrs. (To be taken up on 10th August, 1993)
2. Consideration and passing of the Betwa River Board (Amendment) Bill, 1991, as passed by the Lok Sabha.	May be disposed of without discussion.
3. Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Ordinance, 1993.	2 Hrs. (To be discussed together)
4. Consideration and Passing of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Bill, 1993, after it is passed by the Lok Sabha.	
5. Statutory Resolution seeking disapproval of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities (Amendment) Ordinance, 1993.	2 Hrs. (To be discussed together)
6. Consideration and Passing of the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Activities (Amendment) Bill, 1993, after it is passed by the Lok Sabha.	

The Committee recommended that the House should sit up to 6.00 P.M. and beyond each day as necessary from Monday the 9th August, 1993, for transaction of Government Legislative and other Business.

ANNOUNCEMENT *RE.* GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING 9TH AUGUST, 1993

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): Madam, with your permission, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing 9th August, 1993, will consist of:—

1. Consideration of any item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.

2. Consideration and passing of the following Bills as passed by Lok Sabha:—

   (a) The Delhi Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 1993.

   (b) The Betwa River Board (Amendment) Bill, 1991.

3. Discussion on the Resolution seeking disapproval of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions

Ordinance, 1993 and consideration and passing of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Bill, 1993 as passed by Lok Sabha.

4. Consideration and passing of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993.

RE. QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI (Orissa): Madam, I have given a privilege notice. *(Interruptions).*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes. *(Interruptions).*

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam, please allow Mr. Vizol to speak.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jagesh Desai, I will allow him. There is a privilage motion which has to be taken up soon after the Question Hour.

श्री दिग्विजय सिंह, बिहार : प्रिविलेज पहले ले रही हैं ?

उपसभापति : हां, प्रिविलेज पहले ।

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: Madam, I would like to raise a matter of privilege so far as this House is concerned. The country is well aware that by the order dated 2nd August, 1993, the Election Commission has postponed the elections to the Rajya Sabha, the Lok Sabha, the State Legislative Councils and the State Assemblies. That matter was raised by the hon. Members in this House on 3rd of August. The Members pointed out how the order was arbitrary, how it was without any authority and how it had created a constitutional crisis. During the debate it was assured by the Government that the Government would reply at the end of the discussion. No reply was given on 3rd August so far as the discussion and the views expressed by the Members are concerned. Again on 4th August a statement was made by the hon. Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Mr. Shukla, in the Lok Sabha after the meeting of the leaders of the Opposition in the Chamber of the Speaker wherein he gave certain assurances on behalf of the Government agreeing to constitute a multi-member Election Commission. Some other matters were also stated there. That statement was not made in this House. I must also refer to the statement made by the Law Minister in the Lok Sabha, a copy of which was laid on the Table here. I am not referring to that. But the statement relating to the stand taken by the Government on the question of Election Commission was not made in this House.

Then, Madam, the Attorney General was called on 4th August to the Lok Sabha. He explained the legal position. The Members did ask questions. Yesterday the matter was again raised in the Lok Sabha and an elaborate statement was made by the Parliamentary Affairs Minister at 5 o'clock yesterday. Yesterday the Law Minister also made a statement. *(Interruptions)* .... I have seen it in the newspapers. *(Interruptions)* .... The Law Minister made a statement there and the Parliamentary Affairs Minister intervened in it. *(Interruptions)* .... I am not referring to Mr. V. C. Shukla. Yesterday I pointed out, Madam, here in this House, that at 5 o'clock a statement was going to be made in the other House. The Ministers, who were present in this House, didn't know about the statement being made in the Lok Sabha. The hon. Minister, Shrimati Margaret Alva, also admitted that .... *(Interruptions)* .... she did't know what was going on there. I am not concerned with that.

Madam, here is an Election Commission ....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What do you want to say, Mr. Bommai?

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: ... which has passed an order whereby, I would say, the Election Commission, the Judiciary, the Executive and the Parliament are on a confrontation. Now different High Courts have passed different orders. The Supreme Court is passing some orders. The Government is not coming out with any clear statement. They have by-passed this House—I would say, by neglecting this House—by not making any statement. I would say, practically, they have forgotten the existence of this House and they have taken us for granted. They can make a statement there. They have thrown to the winds the established precedents and rules and regulations. On all important matters a statement is to be made simultaneously in both the Houses. If one Minister is engaged there, the other Minister must be here.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I know that.

SHRI SOMAPPA R. BOMMAI: On such an important matter the entire democratic pro-